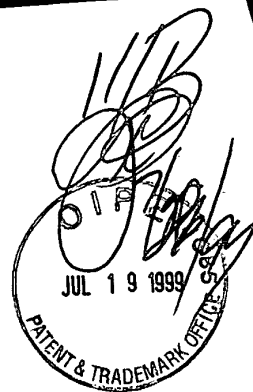


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APPLICANT: Johansson et al  
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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 1999, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

In the specification:

Please amend the specification as follows.

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---Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This is a continuation of our copending U.S. Application S.N. 08/857,245 filed May 16, 1997, entitled Use of Growth Hormone and now abandoned; which in turn claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application S.N. 60/017,822 filed May 17, 1996.---

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